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SUBJECT: EMBARGO STATUS OF CERTAIN NC DRILLING MACH-
INES--IL 1091

REF: (A) OECD PARIS 27827, (B) COCOM DOCS (76) 988,
DEF (76) 1091/6, /8 AND /9.

1. IN DISCUSSIONS OF EMBARGO QUESTION, SEPTEMBER 21
AND 28, COMMITTEE AGREED CONDITIONALLY THAT NC MACHINES
OPERATING POINT-TO-POINT WERE NOT EMBARGOED BY IL
1091. GERMANY COMMENTED THAT SOME SYSTEMS ARE HYBRID,
I.E., THEY INCORPORATE CONTROLS MAKING POSSIBLE CON-
TOURING AS WELL AS POINT-TO-POINT OPERATIONS. GERMAN
DEL VIEWED THIS SYSTEM AS UNEMBARGOED SUBJECT TO CONFIR-
MATION BY US THAT IT IS NOT SUCH A HYBRID SYSTEM. US
DEL GAVE THIS CONFIRMATION.

2. JAPANESE DEL ALSO OBSERVED THAT CLEAR DISTINCTION
NOT POSSIBLE IN THIS AREA BECAUSE BY MODIFYING CONTROL
PROGRAM, ONE CAN PROVIDE THESE UNITS WITH CONTINUOUS
PATH POSSIBILITIES.

3. UK ALSO QUALIFIED ITS POSITION AND MADE IT CONDI-
TIONAL ON CONFIRMATION BY THE US THAT NC SYSTEM DESCRIB-
ED IN (76) 988 IS DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE MACHINES
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IN QUESTION AND DOES NOT PROVIDE POSSIBILITY, THROUGH

SOFTWARE, OF CONTOURING OR CONTINUOUS PATH OPERATIONS,
AND THAT IT DOES NOT INFRINGE THE PROVISIONS OF NOTE 3.

4. REQUEST CONFIRMATION (OR OTHER RESPONSE) OF POINT IN
PARAGRAPH 3 BY OCTOBER 19. UK QUALIFICATION SEEMS RATH-
ER SIMILAR TO THOSE ATTACHED BY GERMANY AND JAPAN, BUT
IN VIEW OF REFERENCE TO NOTE 3, REQUEST SPECIFIC CONFIR-
MATION. SOME COMMENT ON GERMAN AND JAPANESE
STATEMENTS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. MATTER IS RESCHEDULED
FOR OCTOBER 19TH.
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